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Place of Birth: Nebesna

Spouse's Name: Troy Bowler

Children's Name(s): Iris (20), Kim (20), and Maya (18)

Occupation: Representative for House District 16

Length of Residency in Alaska: 1973-1991 and 1999 to present

Alaska Communities Lived in:

Nebesna 1974-1974 Anchorage 1974-1991 Anchorage 1999-present

Education: University of Washington, Bachelors of Arts in Political Science, 1997, and Masters of Public Administration. 2014

Political and Government Positions: House of Representatives – Appointed March 10, 2016

Business and Professional Positions: The Salvation Army, Senior Development Officer, University of Alaska Anchorage, Senior Development Officer, Abused Women's Aid in Crisis, Development Coordinator

Service Organization(s) Membership: Foster Parent, Foster Kids First, Alaska Children's Trust, YWCA Alaska, The Foraker Group, Association of Fundraising Professionals, Tanaina Child Development Center

Special Interests: Enjoying Alaska's great outdoors through hiking, hunting, berry picking, fishing, gardening, skiing, cycling and running.

Position Statement:

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It has been my honor to serve as representative for District 16 for the past 2.5 years. As your representative, I have worked tirelessly to find common-sense solutions to the difficult problems Alaska faces.

As a third-generation Alaskan, these issues are personal to me. I have advocated for Alaskans' best interests, made difficult decisions, and collaborated with others to pass important legislation and a fair budget.

As your legislator I have:

- •Passed landmark health care price transparency legislation to help drive down health care costs.
- •Helped fight for increased funding for K-12 and pre-K programs for the next two years.
- •Supported increased investment in public safety for new troopers, police officers, prosecutors, and public defenders.
- •Worked to secure additional addiction treatment beds to address our state's opioid epidemic.
- •Fought for funding for our city's aging port.
- •Chaired the Health and Social Services Committee, advancing legislation making health care more accessible in Alaska.

But I am not nearly done. When there is inaction or poor decision making in the legislature, Alaskans bear the cost. We need legislators who will work hard, get things done, and collaborate across party lines to make innovative changes. I will continue to be that legislator for you, bringing East Side Pride to Juneau.

I am running for State House in District 16 to work for a brighter future for Alaska and the next generation of Alaskans. As your representative, I pledge to always do what is right over what is easy.

Thank you for your vote.

